

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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December 2, 2009

Ms. Diana Lopez  
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RE: *Your Maryland Public Information Act Application*  
My File No.: PIA-10-26

Dear Ms. Lopez:

Please accept this correspondence as a follow-up to my letter dated November 24, 2009 in response to your October 30, 2009 request for public records of the Baltimore County Public Schools. As you were previously advised, your letter is being treated as a request for records subject to the Maryland Public Information Act, MD. CODE ANN., STATE GOV'T §§10-611 to -628 (2004) (the "Act") and Superintendent's Rule 2373. A copy of the Superintendent's Rule was enclosed with my November 24 letter.

Staff have completed their search for the records responsive to Paragraph "V" of your October 30, 2009 public records application. Your request was as follows:

- V. "Copies of invitations to any and all legislative receptions that have been sponsored, funded or otherwise underwritten in whole or in part by the school system, along with a breakdown of costs incurred for those receptions."

In response to your request for "copies of invitations," to the writer's knowledge and belief, no such records exist. However, for the time period requested, the school system maintains a list of legislative meals that have been hosted by the school system. The following records exist:

1. Legislative Dinners-2004 (2 pages)
2. Legislative Dinners-2005 (2 pages)
3. Legislative Dinners-2006 (2 pages)
4. Legislative Dinners-2007 (2 pages)
5. Legislative Dinners-2008 (2 pages)
6. Legislative Dinners-2009 (2 pages)

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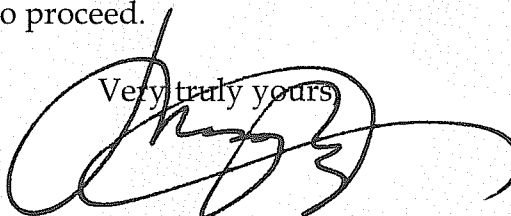
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Should you wish copies of the foregoing, you will be charged in accordance with Superintendent's Rule 2373.

You have also requested a "breakdown of costs incurred" for legislative meals. Staff estimates that the research and compilation of the this portion of your request will take approximately 20 hours of clerical staff time. In accordance with Superintendent's Rule 2373, no charge is assessed for the first two hours. You will be required to forward a certified or cashier's check in advance of any work being conducted in this matter in the amount of \$450.00.

Kindly advise me how you wish to proceed.

Very truly yours  


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